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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, and in addition to information disclosed in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statements filed January 21, 2004 and October 10, 2007, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. The listing of a reference herein is not an admission that the reference is prior art or that the reference is material to patentability.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.

The attention of the Office is directed to U.S. Patent Application No. 08/758,436, filed November 27, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,215,892, issued April 10, 2001, U.S. Patent

Application No. 09/492,101, filed February 14, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,553,135, issued April 22, 2003, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/404,921, filed March 31, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 6,920,239, issued July 19, 2005, U.S. Patent Application No. 11/115,847, filed April 26, 2005, now U.S. Patent No. 7,133,545, issued November 7, 2006, U.S. Patent Application No. 11/594,374, filed November 7, 2006, U.S. Patent Application No. 08/827,268, filed March 28, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,151,405, issued November 20, 2000, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/344,308, filed June 24, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,418,236, issued July 9, 2002, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/081,714, filed February 20, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,631,203, issued October 7, 2003, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/679,122, filed October 2, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 6,947,583, issued September 20, 2005, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/495,461, filed February 1, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,718,053, issued April 6, 2004, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/746,515, filed December 24, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 7,190,818, issued March 13, 2007, U.S. Patent Application No. 11/685,717, filed March 13, 2007 and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/619,033, filed September 6, 2000, now abandoned.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these applications, their file wrappers and prosecution record, and the art cited therein during examination, including the non-patent literature (NPL) references. The Examiner is specifically respectfully requested to consider the NPL references cited by or submitted to the Office in applications, including those listed above, that are relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants retain the right to submit copies of the NPL references if such action is deemed helpful to advance prosecution.

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Respectfully submitted,

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